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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Friend:

I recently received a letter from some of my constituents expressing concern about PR Docket 92-235. I respectfully request that this letter be given full consideration; however, no response to my office is necessary. I am enclosing a copy for the record.

Sincerely,



David L. Boren
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Mr. David Boren

I am 34 years old and have spent 15 years in this hobby constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I am active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled airplanes. I personally own 4 radios and 6 R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to building and operating my models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is P R Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the availability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will ~~be~~ be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of the land mobile radio users at the expense of the R/C modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid

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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Sirs:

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important hobby of mine, radio controlled (R/C) model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats.

Your Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of your rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

This action will have a severe, detrimental impact upon me and the entire R/C hobby industry. If put into effect, my airplane or helicopter could easily be shot out of the sky by a mobile user I'd have no way of knowing about. This creates a severe health hazard.

I have been involved in this hobby for 3 years. I own 2 radios and 5 model airplanes, ~~helicopters, cars and boats~~. In addition, I have numerous engines, motors, chargers, field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S. just like me, these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically and in terms of enjoyment.

I urge you to reconsider this. Keep 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please don't eliminate this hobby that has grown tremendously over the past 30 years and has so much investment of money and enjoyment of people nationwide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bill Lochner
S. Coffeyville, Okla.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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The Honorable David L. Boren
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Boren

I am a model aircraft enthusiast and spend a great deal of my free time building and flying Radio Control Model Aircraft. I compete in many flying contests around the midwest. I am also in the process of starting a business in which I will manufacture model aircraft supplies.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering

with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will

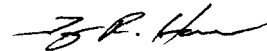
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

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January 29, 1993

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Sen. David L. Boren

Dear Sir:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

We are writing you regarding the proposed FCC Rule--(NPRM-PR Docket 92-235), which would insert several new commercial frequencies between & very close to thirty-one of our already in use Radio Control Frequencies in the 72-76 mHz band.

I am a retired engineer with a commercial, instrument, & flight instructor's rating. My wife has a commercial & Instrument rating. I am also a retired Air Force Reserve Major. I have been in Modeling since I was nine years old (total of 59 years), and since she met me in 1955, we have derived a great deal of pleasure from this hobby. We have been involved in all types of modeling, but since about 1966, our main interest has been Radio Control. For many years, we were active competitors, and won 1st place in Sport Aerobatics at the Nationals in 1979. We're also active Ham Radio operators--I have a technician

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Rev. Roger N. Anderson
4924 Fordham, Drive.
Bartlesville, Ok 74006
Phone: (918) 333-6579.

February 17, 1993

Sen. David L. Boren
453 Russell Senate Office Bldg.
First & C Sts, NE
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Boren:

I write to ask you to consider the point of view of radio controlled model plane enthusiasts such as myself in the FCC rules. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235, which if passed, will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently given over to controlling model airplanes.

I realize that radio frequencies are crowded with all the modern technologies and that the FCC is under pressure to find additional space. I understand the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the plan. Our studies show that moving these land mobile frequencies closer to the radio control frequencies in the range of 72-76 MHz, will effectively reduce our channels from 50 presently available to 19.

I just completed a two-year term as president of the Bartlesville Falcons RC Model Club and we had three public contests last year and are planning two this summer. We go to great lengths to make safety of model pilots and bystanders a major focus, which require us to coordinate the use of the frequencies so there is no interference which might mean a plane out of control and an accident. We now have in the U.S., only a few each year, but we believe there will be an increase if we have to drop the one channel safety margin.

Understand that some models have wing spans up to 10 feet and weight up to 40 lbs. Out of control they can cause damage to pilots, parents and children who watch us and to property. As members of the Aeronautical Modelers Association (AMA) we have insurance coverage, but we don't want to get hurt or hurt anyone else.

I do not think it best for the FCC to follow this plan by narrowing the widths of the band the crowding more of the land mobile channels in between.

Please help me and the thousands of American modelers by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



SENATOR BOREN
WASHINGTON, D.C.

FEBRUARY 18, 1993

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THE HONORABLE DAVID BOREN
U.S. SENATE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

YOUR HONORABLE SENATOR:

I AM WRITING TO YOU REGARDING A PROPOSED RULE MAKING
PR DOCKET 92-235

WE OWN AND OPERATE RADIO CONTROLLED MODELS INCLUDING
MINATURE AIRCRAFT FOR SPORT AND PLEASURE. WE HAVE A GROUP OF
MEN THAT LIVE IN THIS AREA THAT SHARE MY INTEREST. WE HAVE
SEVERAL HUNDRED DOLLARS OF EQUIPMENT THAT ENABLE US TO

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The Honorable David L. Boren,
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Mr. Boren:

I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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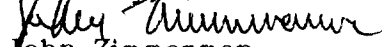
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Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to ten feet and weigh as much as 30 to 50 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

It is unfortunate that the FCC chooses to ignore the financial investment hobbyists have poured into modeling. This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 Mhz band.

Sincerely,


John Zimmerman
3320 N.W. 61

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112-4133

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The Honorable David Boren
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Federal Communications Commission Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR
Docket 92-235)

Dear Senator:

The proposed FCC rule change would insert frequencies for mobil land service in between frequencies assigned for radio controlled model aircraft use. The proposal, if passed, would render most model frequencies unsafe for use due to interference from the mobile land units. This would have significant



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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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February 15, 1993

The Honorable David Boren
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Boren:

I am an Osteopathic physician in Sand Springs, Oklahoma and my hobby is building and flying radio control (R/C) airplanes. I have been involved in this hobby for four years and got hooked on R/C flying when I attended a five day fly-in in Ida Grove, Iowa along with 50,000 other people who either flew at the event or just came to see and be near their favorite hobby or entertainment. The event has been moved to Des Moines, Iowa now and will still draw many people annually. I am also Sec/Treas. of our club which averages 30 members a year. We are all extremely enthusiastic about R/C flying and spend a lot of time and money in pursuit of this hobby.

I and other club members are very concerned about proposed rules that are presently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is the PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes and other radio controlled models.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz Band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower band widths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by



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the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly reduced.

Please understand that many model airplanes have wingspans up to 13 feet and weigh up to 55 pounds. The planes can fly at speeds up to 60 miles per hour and over 100 miles per hour for jet models. The models themselves are expensive to build, but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operating conditions of the land mobile users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry. You are probably aware that radio controlled aircraft with video cameras were used for reconnaissance in the Gulf War and were responsible for the safety and planning of the attack methods.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out it's proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

A response from you or your office as to how you voted on this proposal is requested.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Heim, D.O.

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encl: copy of letter to FCC



No. 2374

February 15, 1993

Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20544

Dear Sirs,

I am writing in behalf of our club, the Bald Eagle R/C Club, whose members fly radio control airplanes and helicopters. Our members are concerned that you are considering an action which will endanger our hobby and our safety.

Recently you made notice of a rule change that will have a dramatic impact on our hobby if enacted. That notice being issued in your Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR DOCKET 92-235 replaces part 90 of your rules with a new part 88. Part 90 allows for safe operation of aircraft and surface models by keeping 10Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by all citizens who enjoy the various radio controlled hobbies. The new part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating the safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 Mhz band and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 Mhz band now used by hobbyists such as myself and other club members. In actuality I understand that virtually all channels can be effected.

The passing of this proposal will have a drastic impact upon our club members and the entire radio control (R/C) hobby industry which depends on us for their livelihood. If put into effect this proposal will allow commercial mobile users to "shoot down" my aircraft thereby endangering the safety of myself and those around me. Also put at risk, will be personal and private property within several miles because aircraft have been known to fly quite a distance before coming down. You, me, your or my family could be affected by a runaway aircraft if interference caused by commercial users interrupts the signals being transmitted to our aircraft. In addition, this will result in the loss of a plane (several hundred dollars) and possibly loss of life or limb.

Our club members have been in R/C hobbies for greater than thirty years and many have at least several thousand dollars invested in equipment not to mention the time spent in this highly pleasureable hobby. Multiply our club members by the thousands who fly R/c and see how there will be a drastic change in our hobby and the jobs of many others who support the hobby.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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1919 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sirs,

Recently I have been notified the FCC is considering an action that will severely endanger a hobby that is very important to me and the members of the Radio flying club I belong to called the Tulsa Glue Dobbers. You see, we fly radio controlled(RC) aircraft.

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I have been involved in this hobby for 3 years and I own 2 radios, a helicopter and several aircraft, for which I have invested a few thousand dollars. When you consider there are several hundred thousand others like myself in this hobby the proposed rule changes will severely detract from the quality of life from a lot of people both economically and in terms of enjoyment.

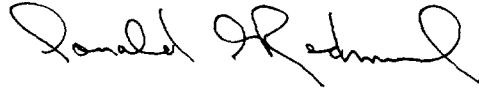
I sincerely urge you to reconsider the rule change. Please keep the 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on 75 Mhz and 72 Mhz so all R/C enthusiasts may continue to enjoy our hobby. Please don't eliminate this hobby that in the last thirty years has been growing each and every year. Thousands of people are supported financially by our hobby, so again, please do not eliminate their jobs and the enjoyment we all get by participating in this hobby nationwide.

Please note that the AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) and the SFA (Sport Flyers Association) have gone to great lengths to maintain one of the best safety records of any sport or hobby. The use of interference free frequencies ensures this safety. Many of our models fly in excess of 80 mph and can weigh up to 55 pounds with wing spans up to 13 feet. Again if the radio controlled plane were to be interfered with while flying it would turn the plane into an

uncontrolled projectile capable of causing property damage and personal injury.

A response from you or your office as to how you voted on this proposal is requested.

Thank you for your consideration,



Donald D. Redmond
CWC USMC Retired

7345 E. Latimer Place
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74115 6949

cc:

Senator Don Nickles
713 Hart
Washington, D.C. 20510

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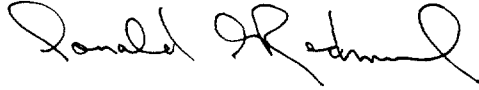
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The Honorable David Boren
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Re: PR Docket 92-235

I am about to retire from a life time of working and plan to derive many hours of pleasure from building and operating radio controlled airplane models. I have recently soloed flying R/C trainer type airplanes and enjoy flying and watching other flyers fly these models.

I note that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM-PR Docket 92-235) which, if implemented, will have a profound effect on R/C model frequency use. This proposed frequency use will affect Part 95

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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1621 SE Kings Drive No. 526
Bartlesville, Oklahoma 74006
January 27, 1993

The Honorable David L. Boren
United States Senate
453 Russell Senate
Office Bldg
First and C St. NE
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boren:

I am very active in the sport of radio control aviation. This sport has offered me much satisfaction, camaraderie, and considerable knowledge. I am extremely concerned about PR Docket 92-235 being proposed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If the proceeding is adopted, the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use will be greatly reduced increasing attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

The frequencies radio control airplane enthusiasts are assigned range from 72-76 MHz band. This band is used primarily for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are currently far enough apart from the other land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

By creating more land mobile frequencies, which is what the FCC is proposing by splitting frequencies into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies and cause interference to radio control operations. Of the 50 frequencies presently available for radio control of model airplanes, I am told only 19 frequencies will remain if the new rules are accepted.

When flying model airplanes under radio control, we take great measures to assure the safety of the operators, bystanders and the protection of property. Coordination of radio control frequencies is necessary and currently accomplished with great success. By reducing the number of frequencies, as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested reducing the margin of safety.

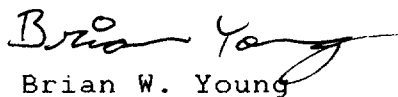
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Regards,


Brian W. Young

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The Honorable David L. Boren
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boren:

My name is Chip Robberson from Edmond, Oklahoma. I am a civilian pilot as well as a flyer of radio controlled aircraft. I am also the President of our local giant scale aircraft club which is very active in the Edmond/Guthrie area. Many of our club members travel to surrounding towns in Oklahoma as well as to the surrounding states to fly with other clubs. This is a lot of fun for the flyers as well as the spectators, which in some cases can number over 10,000.

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